

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/771,829 (Conf. # 3961)

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For: USE OF STEROIDS TO TREAT
PERSONS SUFFERING FROM
OCULAR DISORDERS

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Issac, R.

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2462 US

**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 12, 2007**

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Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed January 12, 2007, for which the three-month date for response was April 12, 2007.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to July 12, 2007, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon, Inc. Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.